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SUMMARY: MR IV REPORTED 81 VC/ NVA INCIDENTS JUNE 8.
THE VC AMBUSHED AN RF COMPANY JUNE 7 IN BAC LIEU. END
SUMMARY.

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) A WEEK OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN
MR IV CONTINUES WITH 81 VC/ NVA- INITIATED INCIDENTS
REPORTED FRIDAY JUNE 8, THE HIGHEST DAILY TOTAL SINCE MAY 3.
THERE WERE 16 GROUND ATTACKS, 53 ATTACKS BY FIRE, NINE
HARASSMENTS, AND THREE TERRORIST ACTS AS USUAL. THE
FIGHTING WAS CONCENTRATED IN TWO PROVINCES.
DINH TUONG RECEIVED EIGHT GROUND ASSAULTS AND NINE ABF' S.
CHUONG THIEN SUFFERED 31 ABF' S. MR IV ADMITTED THE
LOSS OF 31 GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS KILLED, 130 WOUNDED, AND
ONE MISSING, AND CLAIMED 143 VC/ NVA KILLED.

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(B) THE 489/4 RF COMPANY FELL INTO AN ANBUSH AT 1745

HOURS JUNE 7 IN AN TRACH VILK GE, GAI RAI DISTRICT, BAC
LIEU. FOUR RF WERE WOUNDED AND SEVEN MISSING, INCLUDING
THE COMPANY COMMANDER. LOCAL AUTHORITIES CLAIMED FOUR
VC DEAD BUT DECLINED TO GIVE THE NUMBER OF RF KILLED
IN THE CLASH. SIGNED BARNES UNQUOTE
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